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SUBJECT: BALUCHISTAN: ACHAKZAI ASSASSINATION INQUIRY; SECURITY
SITUATION

REF: KARACHI 2489, 2494

1.

CHAKZAI INVESTIGATION: JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF ACHAKZAI IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 10 DECEMBER. A ONE-MAN TRIBUNAL, JUSTICE MOHAMMAD HALEEM, A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE SIND-BALUCHISTAN HIGH COURT, WILL HEAR THE CASE. (HALEEM WAS APPOINTED TO THE COURT TWO YEARS AGO, PRIOR TO WHICH HE WAS IN PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE. HE IS NOT PUBLICLY ASSOCIATED WITH ANY PARTY *ND LITTLE IS KNOWN OF HIS POLITICAL ALLEGIANCES.) BALUCHISTAN ADVOCATE-
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GENERAL, MIRZA MOHAMMAD AHMAD, (*PPP), HAS BEEN

NAMED TO CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS. THE TRIBUNAL REPORTS NO RESPONSE TO A PRE-INQUIRY APPEAL LAST WEEK FOR PUBLIC TO COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT HELP INQUIRY.

2. PRESS REPORTS POLICE HAVE INTERROGATED FIFTY INDIVIDUALS WITH EIGHT ARRESTED TO DATE, AS FOLLOWS: SYED HASAMUDDIN, COMMANDER OF THE PASHTOON ZALME (MILITANT WING OF NAP); BISMULLAH KHAN KAKAR, PRESIDENT OF THE PASHTOON STUDENTS FEDERATION (WHO HAD EARLIER FLED TO AFGHANISTAN); BARKAT ALI KHAN ASHEZAI, NAP (WALI KHAN WING); GUL AZAD, STUDENT FROM NWFP TRIBAL AREAS; KHALID AMIN ACHAKZAI, A STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF HAND GRENADE; ABDUS SAMAD (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED); ABDUL AZIZ, "PRO-PAGANDA SECRETARY" OF BALUCHISTAN NAP; AND MALIK GHULAN RASUL, NAP ACTIVIST.

*3. COMMENT: IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL AT THIS STAGE WHETHER PREDOMINANTLY NAP COLORATION OF DETAINEES IS HAPPENSTANCE OR REFLECTS GOVERNMENT BIAS.

4. CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS ON SECURITY SITUATION: ON DECEMBER 7, 1973 MIR YUSUF ALI MAGSI, BALUCHISTAN PROVINCIAL INFORMATION MINISTER ISSUED STATEMENT DENYING REPORTS THAT IRANIAN HELICOPTERS AND PILOTS WERE AIDING THE PAKISTAN ARMY IN PUTTING DOWN REBELS IN THE PROVINCE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A "DEFINITE DECREASE" IN INSURGENT ACTIVITIES SINCE RAMAZAN (LATE OCTOBER) AND HE EXPECTED COMPLETE NORMALCY SOON. ON THE OTHER HAND, SEPTEMBER 9 PRESS CARRIED OFFICIAL (ISPR) RELEASE FROM RAWALPINDI, REPORTING CLASHES DECEMBER 6 AND 7 IN MARRI AREA DURING WHICH 13 TRIBALS AND 2 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED.

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